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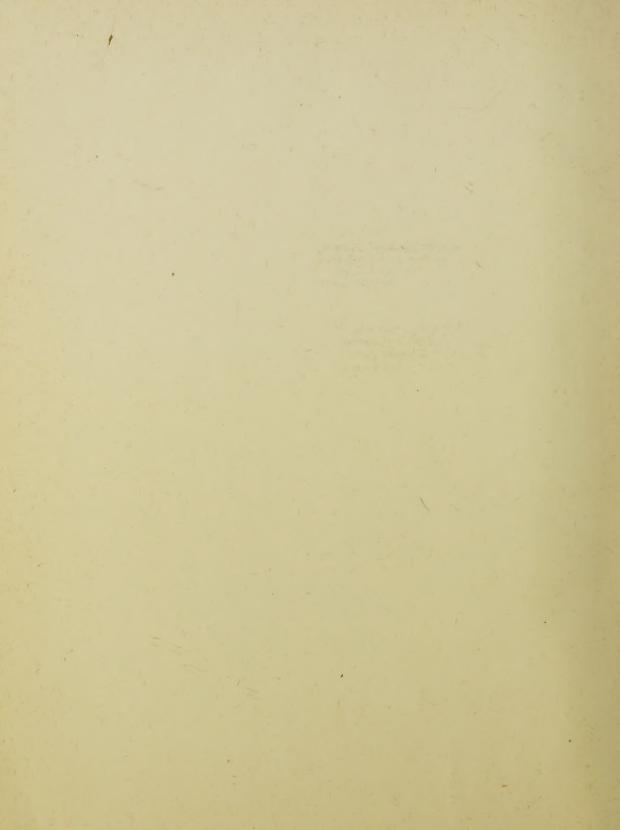
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FOREWORD

Religious education has been extended into the week and the summer vacation to a constantly increasing degree since the publication of Songs for Little People in 1905, and its revision in 1915. This has created a demand for folk-games, work songs and marches. Song and Play for Children shows by its title an attempt to meet this need, as well as to provide more songs of the type of those in the earlier collection.

Realizing the modern emphasis of religion on social relationships, the authors have included many songs of friendliness and service in home and community life, and hymns that awaken the spirit of world brotherhood.

Very short songs for Beginners are grouped in one section for convenience, rather than scattered through the book under the various headings. The single exception is in the department, "Work and Play," which contains games for both Primary children and Beginners.

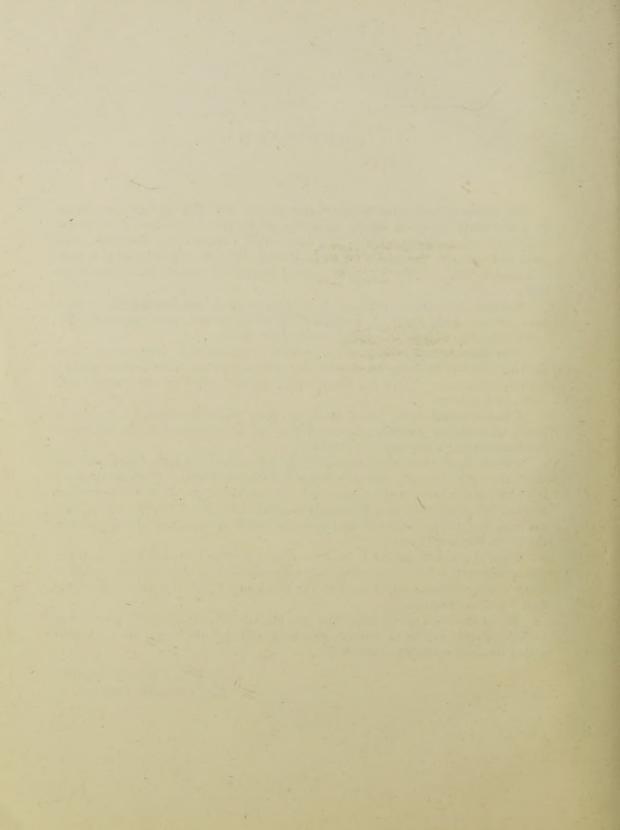
Other new features are bits of music to inspire desirable moods, a page of children's compositions suggesting the possibilities of self-expression in this line, and a few home songs for use with tiny children.

The old hymns best suited to children appear in *Songs for Little People*, and also the Bible verses that are especially valuable in a musical setting. There are therefore few additions to these in the second book, nor are there new offertories or greeting and farewell songs. There is much supplemental material for worship and for festival seasons, fresh nature songs, and a needed contribution in new hymns picturing the life of the Lord Jesus.

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The authors can ask no more than that the friendly reception still given Songs for Little People may be extended to this book, and that they may find a place together on many a teacher's book-shelf.

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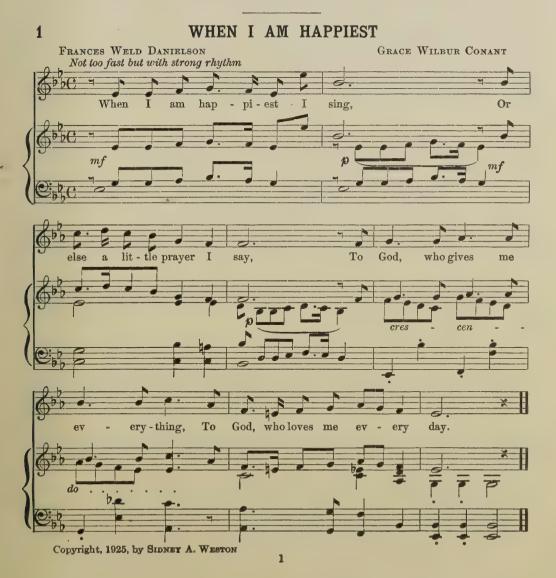
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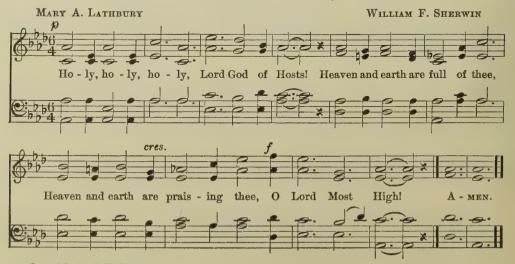
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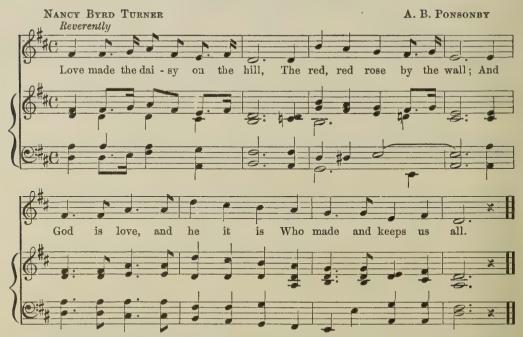
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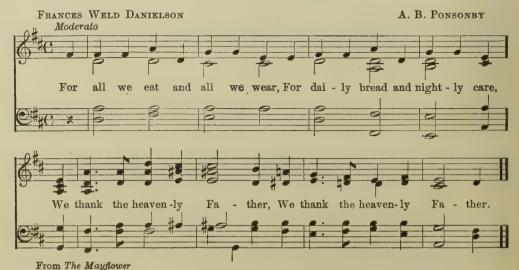






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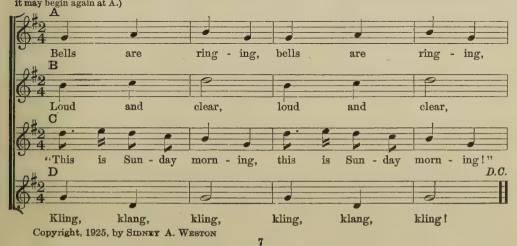
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BELLS ARE RINGING

OLD FRENCH ROUND IN FOUR PARTS

(This may be sung at first by all the children together, as an ordinary song. When the song is thoroughly familiar they may be divided into four groups and sing it as a round.

(When sung as a round the second group of voices enters at letter A when the first group reaches letter B, the third group enters at A when the second reaches B, and so on. When the first group reaches the end of the line D it may begin again at A.)



TREASURE BOOK

(The first and last stanzas may be sung and the second and third read.)



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- 4 With what eager eyes they watched him
 Passing through the crowded street,
 Healing all who needed healing,
 Blessing all whom he might meet!
 How it made their hearts rejoice
 Just to listen to his voice!
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- 5 Not alone in far Judea
 Lived the gentle Lord of Love;
 He is now and always with us
 Wheresoever we may move,
 And we, too, in toil or play,
 Still can follow him all day.

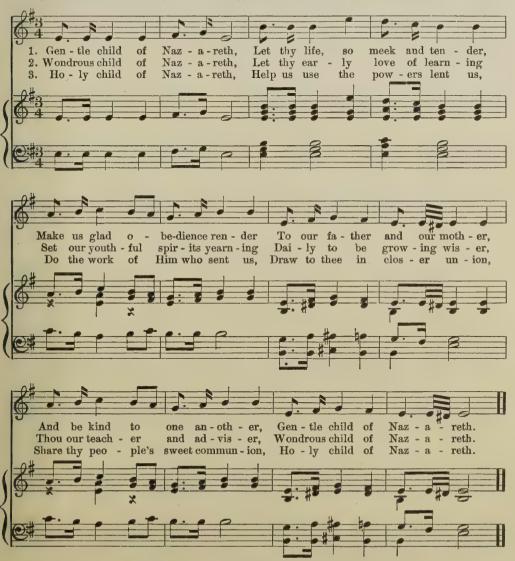
14 WHEN JESUS WAS A LITTLE LAD



- 3 Not any weary, wounded dove,
 Or small dog homeless in the rain,
 Or frightened hare, or fluttering wren
 Could need his help in vain.
- 4 His comrades loved him; he was kind
 To younger children when they played;
 And everybody trusted him,
 So true and unafraid.

15 GENTLE CHILD OF NAZARETH

(This is a translation of a hymn said to be sung by the Christian mothers of Palestine. It may be sung without any accompaniment, if desired; or the voices supported only by the melody played in octaves.)







- 2 The mothers whispered each to each:
 "His words are wise and true,
 Oh, what if he would bless and teach
 Our little children too!"
 And so, before the day grew dim,
 They brought the children unto him. Ref.
- 3 He looked into their wondering eyes,
 They looked into his own;
 He gathered up the little ones
 Who could not stand alone;
 And smiled upon that wistful band,
 The older children hand in hand. Ref.
- 4 He spoke, and they were unafraid.

 He told them tenderly
 Old stories of another time,
 Old tales of years gone by;
 Of boys and girls of other days,
 Their gentle hearts, their kindly ways. Ref.

- 5 He told of little Samuel's quick
 Obedience to God's call,
 Of Isaac's calm and trusting faith,
 Young Joseph's love for all;
 Of Daniel's strong, courageous part,
 And little Miriam's faithful heart. Ref.
- 6 He spoke of budding springtime trees;
 Of flowers in the grass;
 Of April lambs and building birds
 And winds that blow and pass.
 The mothers, watching in their place,
 Saw light upon each little face. Ref.
- 7 The children very closely pressed
 And listened, rapt and still.
 The youngest baby of them all
 Lay well content, until
 As dusky evening shadows crept
 Its lashes lowered, and it slept. Ref.
- 8 He blessed them then, and sent them home,
 And they were truly blest,
 For as the weeks went by, each child
 Was gentler to the rest,
 More watchful of another's need,
 More true in word and kind in deed! Ref.

TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS

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- 5 Tell how the sparrow that twitters
 On yonder tree
 And the sweet meadow-side lily
 May speak to me.
 Give me their message,
 For I would hear
 How Jesus taught us
 Our Father's care.
- 6 Show me that scene in the garden,
 Of bitter pain;
 And of the cross where my Saviour
 For me was slain.
 Sad ones or bright ones,
 So that they be
 Stories of Jesus,
 Tell them to me.

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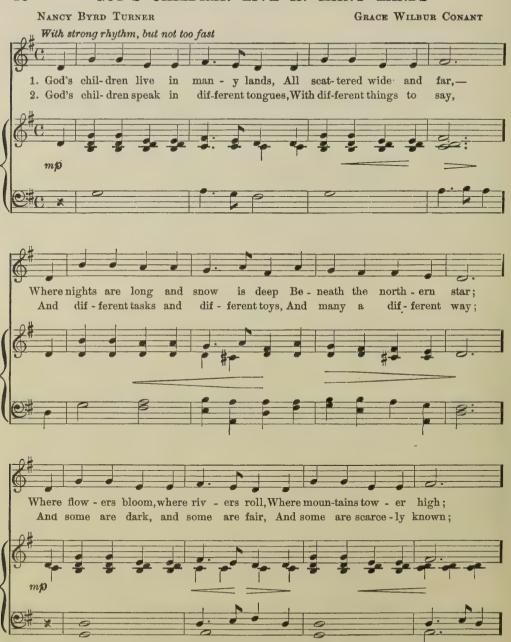
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From The Mayflower

GOD'S CHILDREN LIVE IN MANY LANDS



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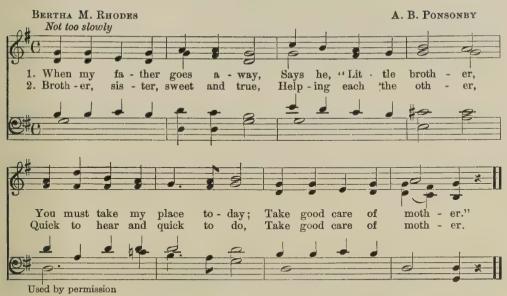
FAITHFUL AND STEADY

Simplified Salute to the Flag



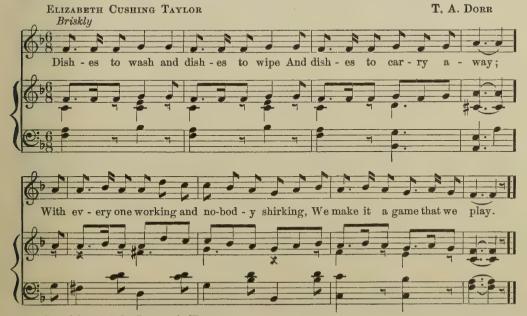






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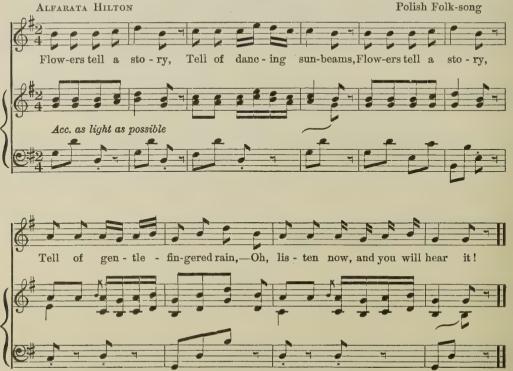


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FLOWERS TELL A STORY

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(Sung as a child is crowned with flowers, or decorated with garlands, to pay him honor for a brave or kind deed, or as a birthday attention, or to welcome him after an illness)

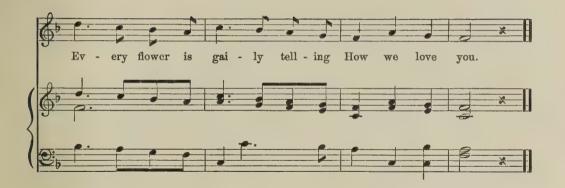


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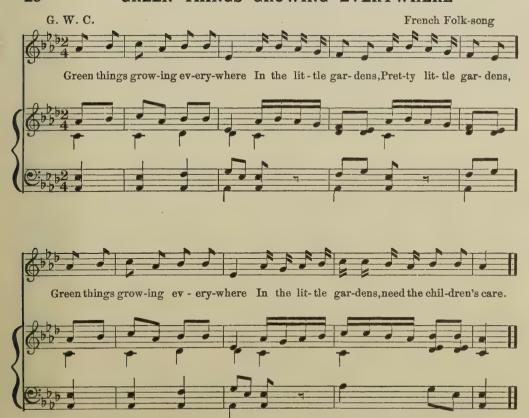
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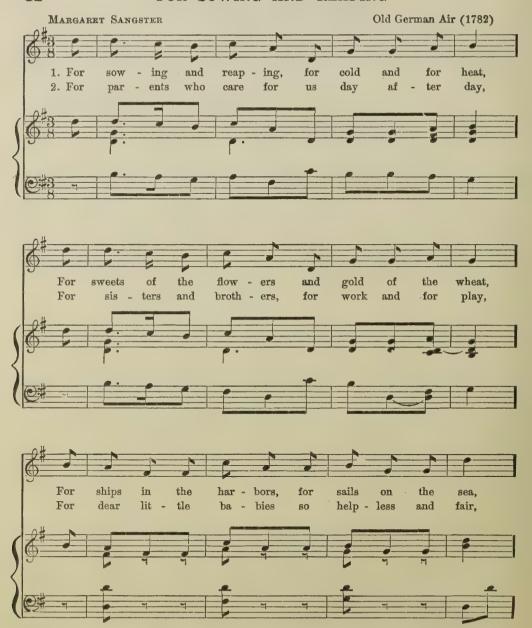
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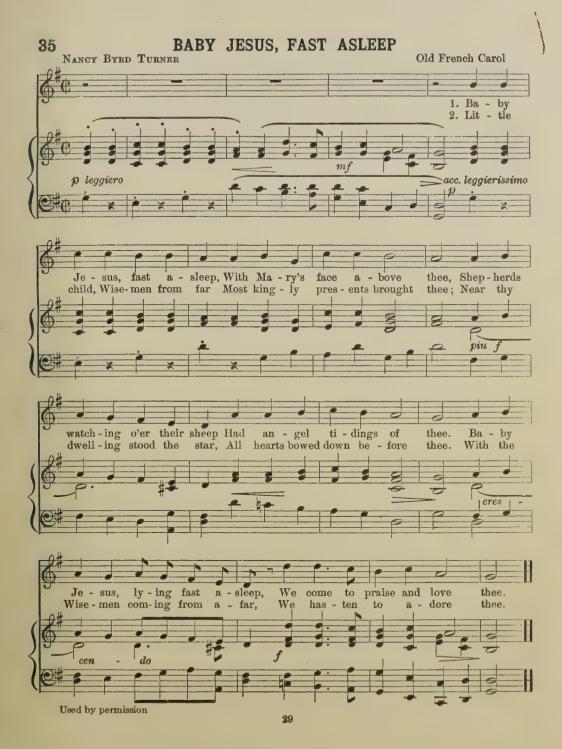
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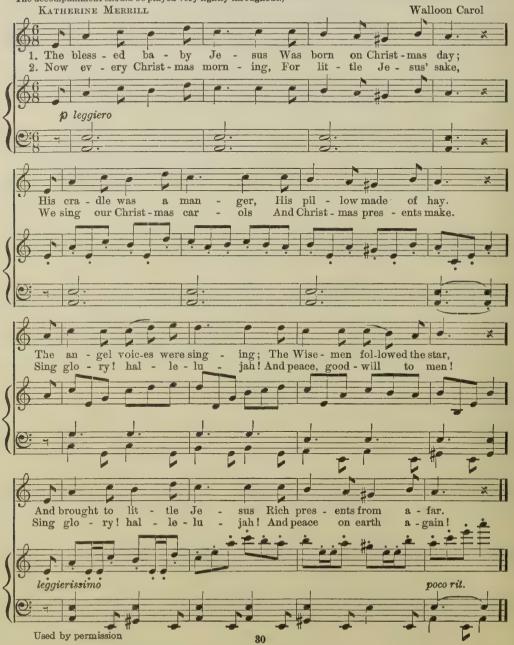




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(This old Walloon Noel is perhaps best sung unaccompanied; but for those who prefer some support for the voices an accompaniment is added suggestive of old rustic instruments, some of which had a drone like the bagpipe. The accompaniment should be played very lightly throughout.)



THE FRIENDLY BEASTS



(Different children take the solo parts.)

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I carried his mother up hill and down,
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town;
I, said the donkey shaggy and brown;

Solo:

3 I, said the cow all white and red,
I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head;
I, said the cow all white and red.

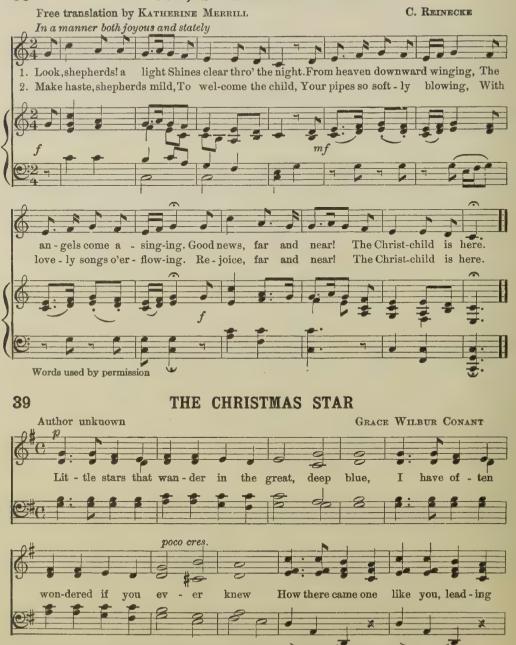
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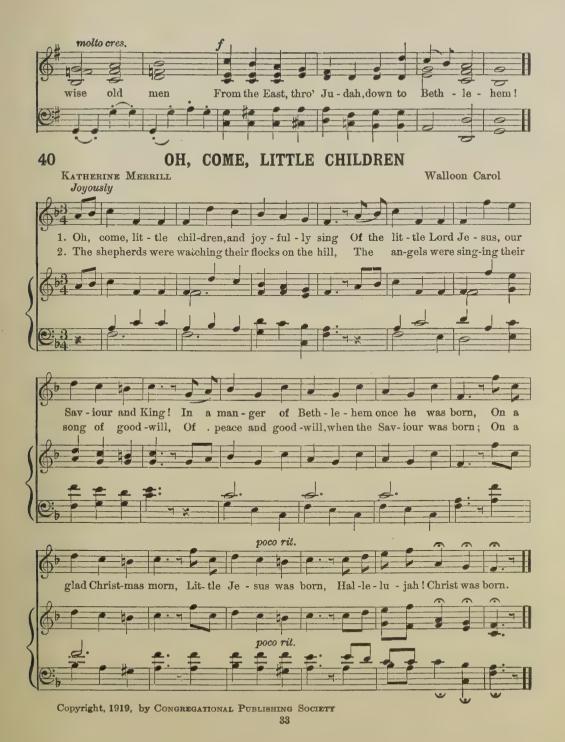
- 4 I, said the sheep with curly horn,
 I gave him my wool for his blanket warm,
 He wore my coat on Christmas morn;
 I, said the sheep with curly horn.
 Solo:
- 5 I, said the dove, from the rafters high,
 Cooed him to sleep that he should not cry.
 We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I;
 I, said the dove, from the rafters high.

Chorus:

6 And every beast, by some good spell, In the stable dark was glad to tell Of the gift he gave Immanuel; The gift he gave Immanuel.

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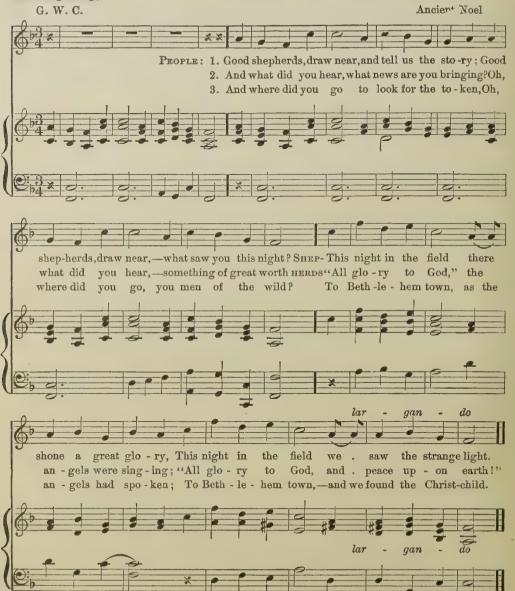




THE SHEPHERDS' STORY

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(The questions may be sung by a group of the older ones among the children, or by the teacher or some soloist, the replies of the shepherds by a group of the youngest children. There are possibilities of dramatization in this little dialogue-song.)



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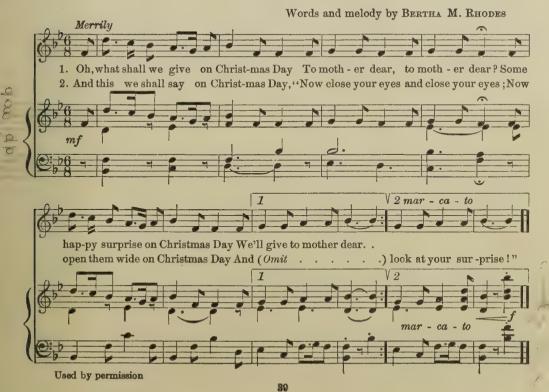
(After the song the children may join hands and circle around the tree.)





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FOR MOTHER





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MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

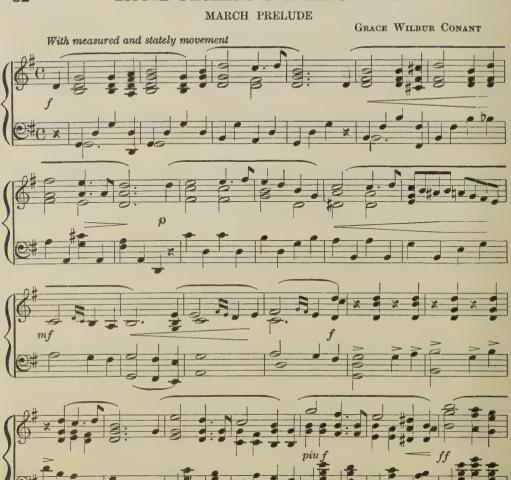




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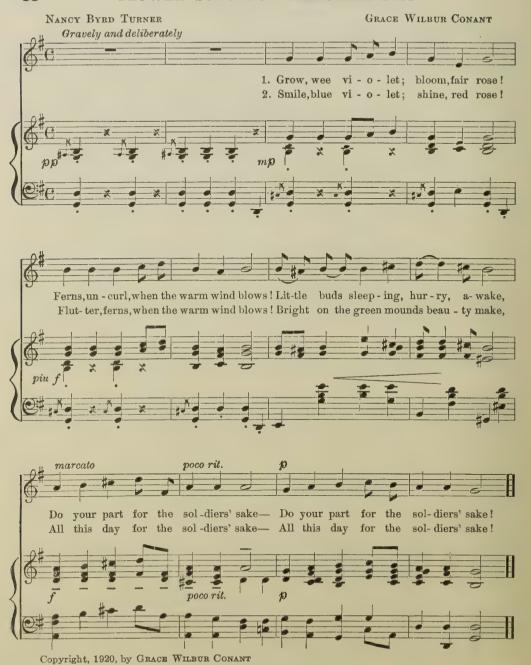


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CHILDREN WHO WALK IN JESUS' WAY

PROCESSIONAL FOR CHILDREN'S DAY



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(A small group with good voices may sing this song, all the children joining in the line, "Praise God, on Children's Day," whenever it occurs.)





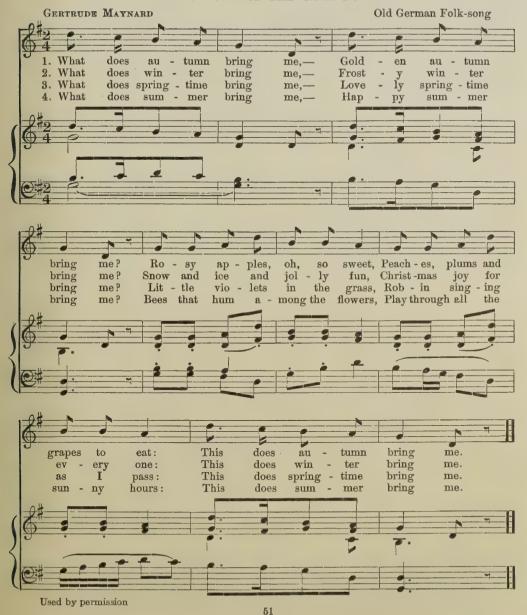
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THE OUTDOOR WORLD

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WHAT THE SEASONS BRING

A SONG FOR ALL THE YEAR ROUND



TWO LITTLE BIRDS







THE BIRDS' FLIGHT

(Use either form of words given in the second measure, according to the season.)



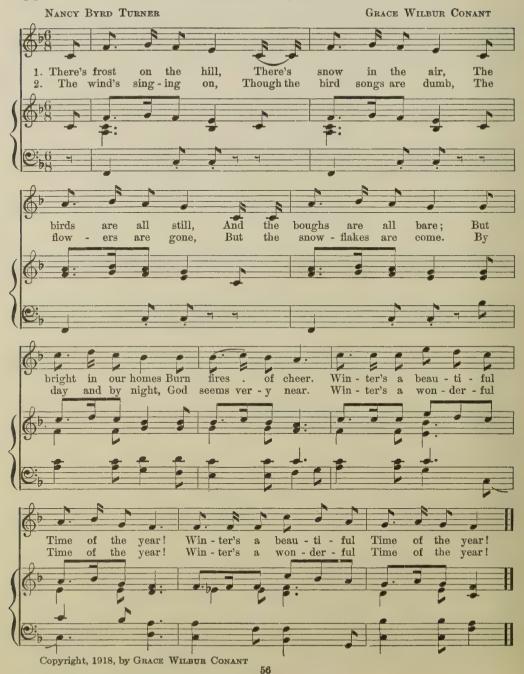
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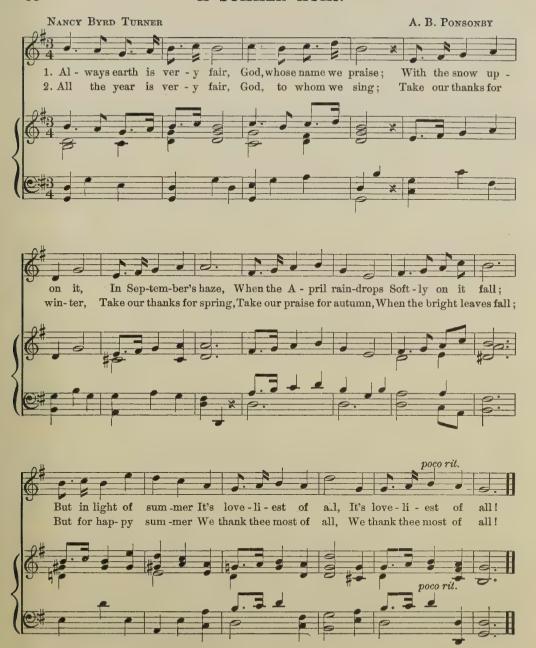
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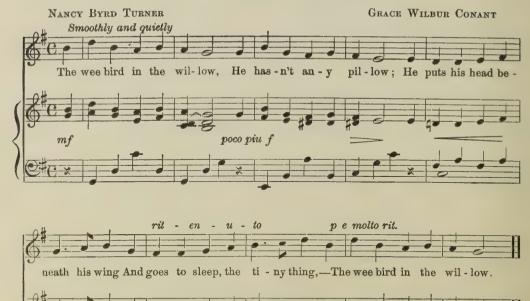
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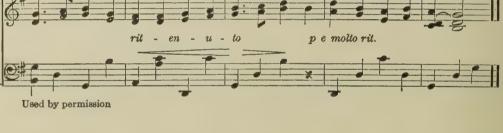


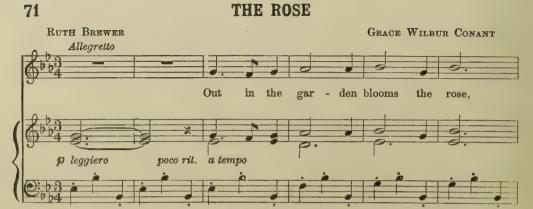
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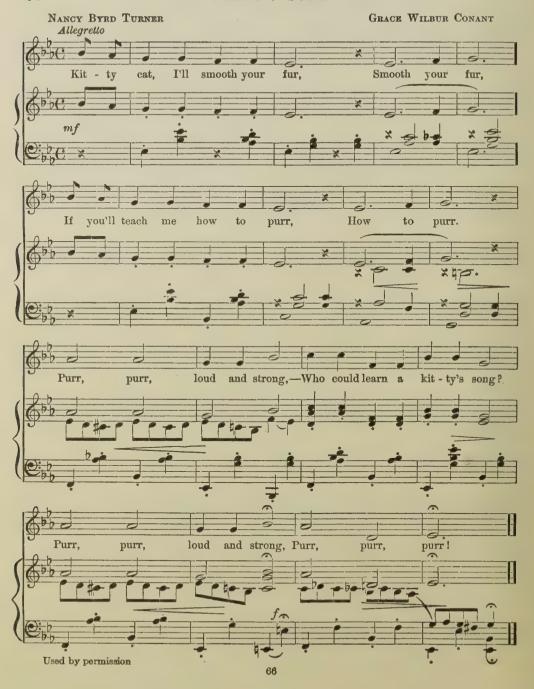
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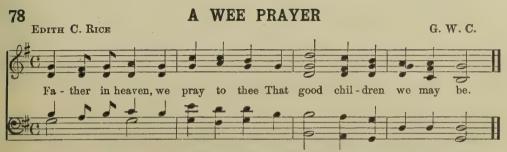




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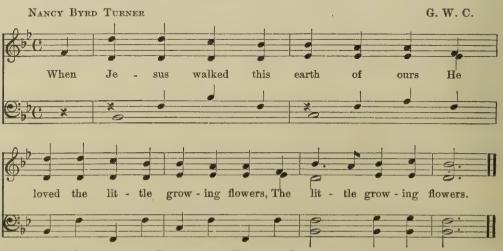
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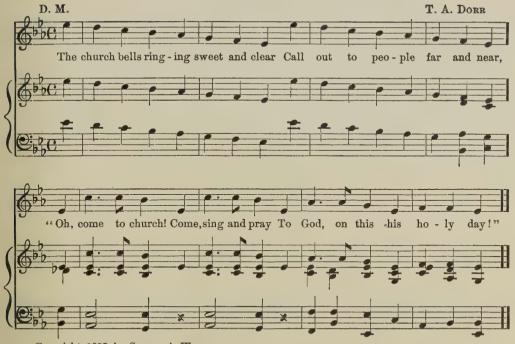


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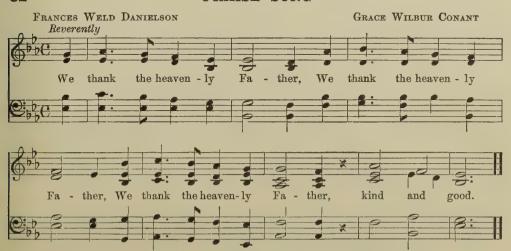
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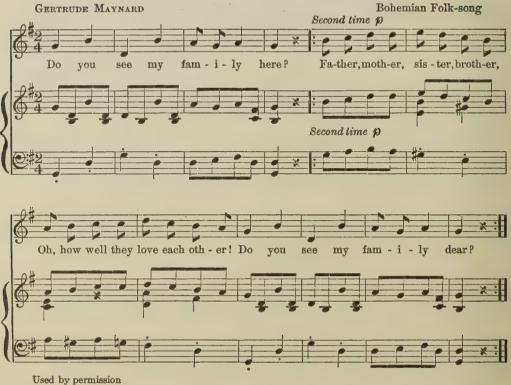
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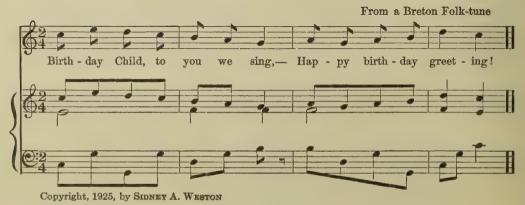
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(The finger play may be commenced with the first finger, omitting the thumb.)



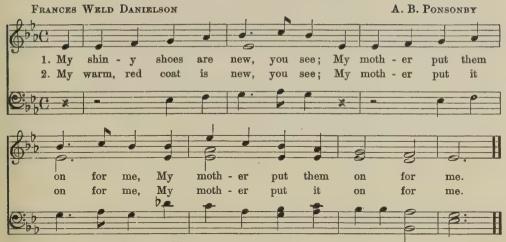
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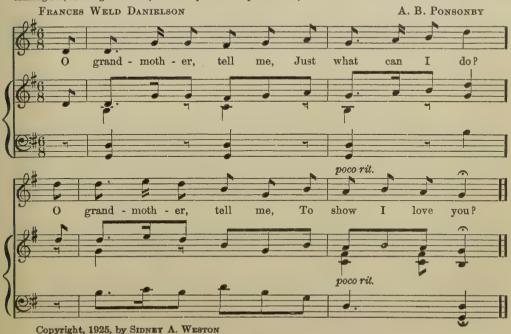
(Clothing worn by the children should be substituted.)



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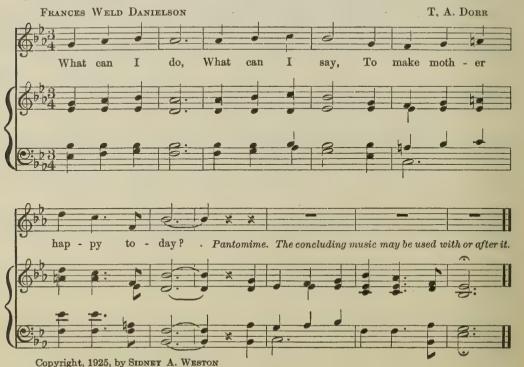
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(One child impersonates the grandmother. The others sing to her, and she suggests bringing her shawl, or fanning her, or doing an errand, which they act out in pantomime.)

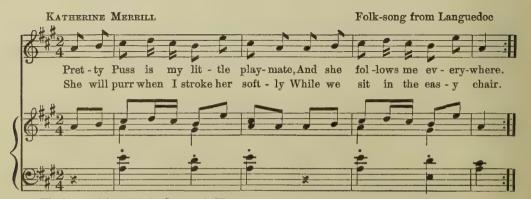


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(After singing this, the children show in pantomime helpful acts and tell words that give pleasure, such as "please" and "thank you.")



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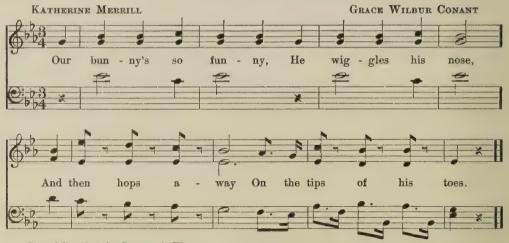
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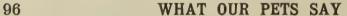
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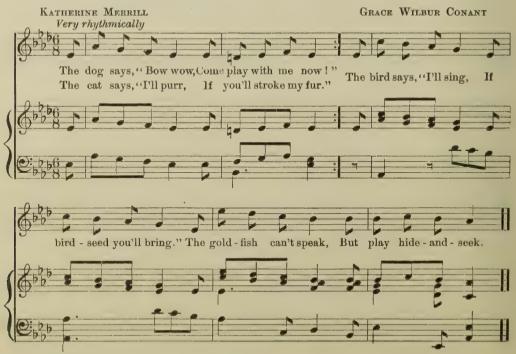


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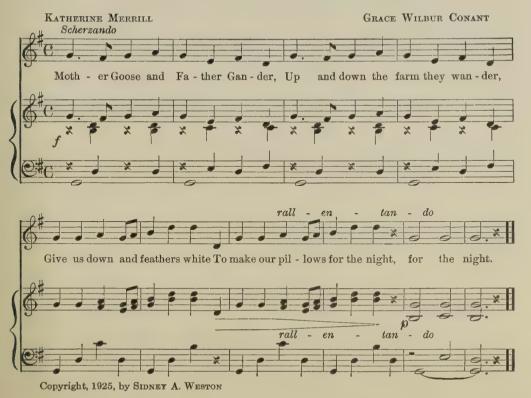


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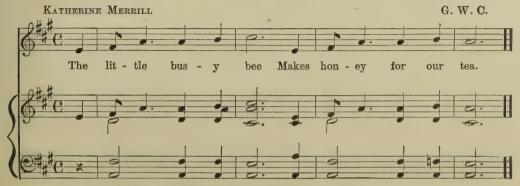




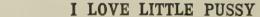
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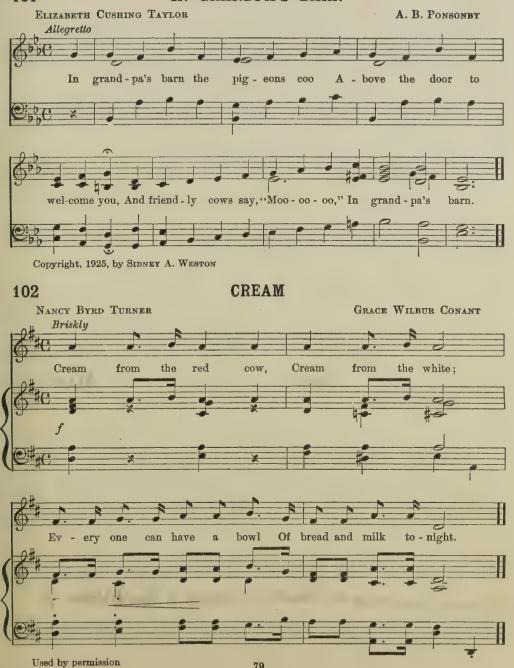


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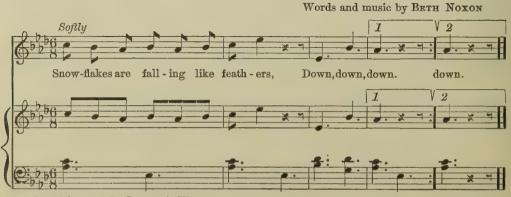








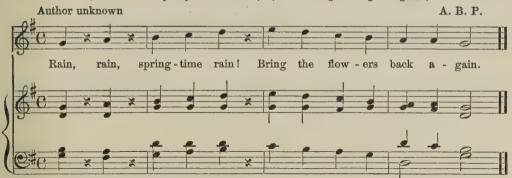
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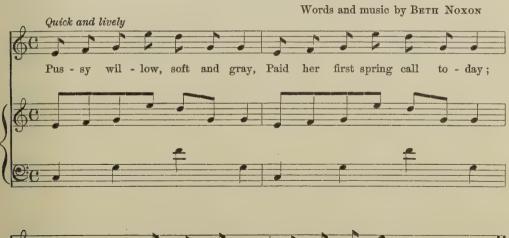
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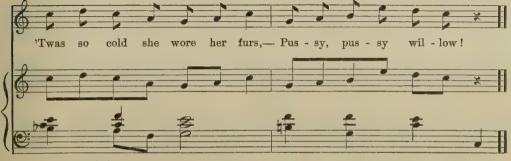


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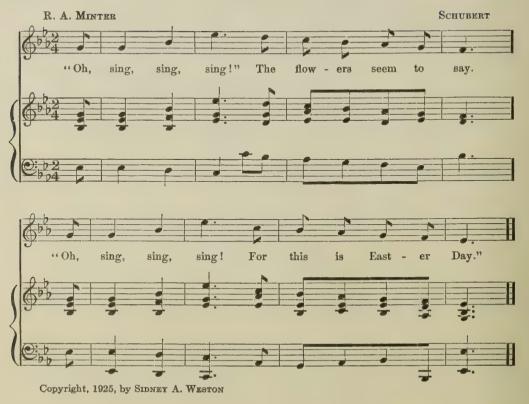
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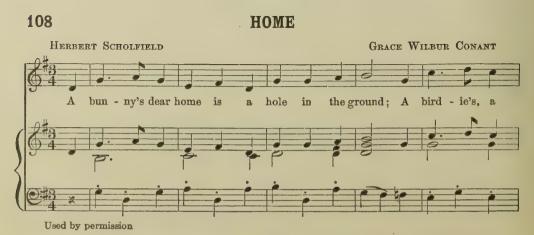


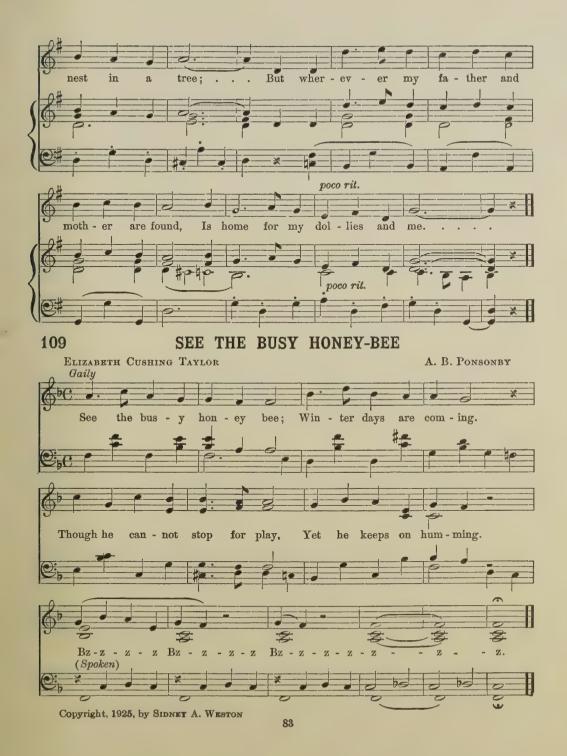


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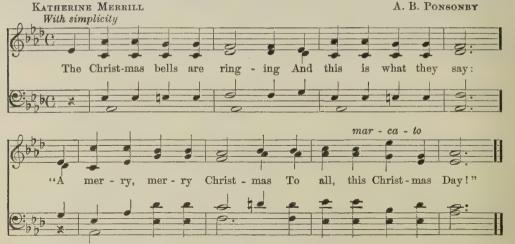
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110 THE CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING



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LITTLE HOME SONGS

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WHAT CAN BABY DO

(The activities of the growing child may suggest other stanzas in similar form.)



THE PLEASANT DARK

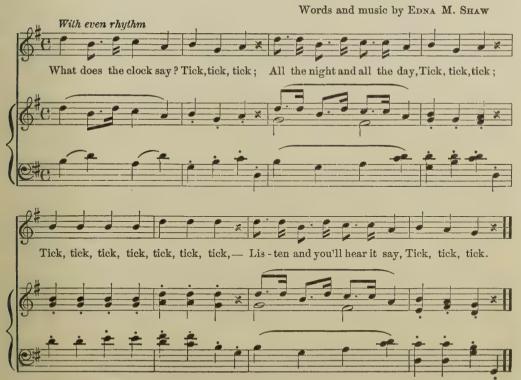
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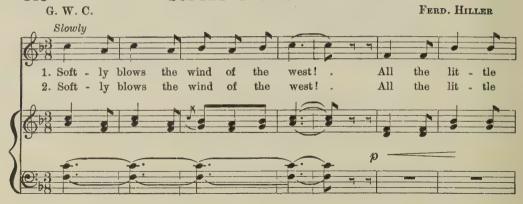
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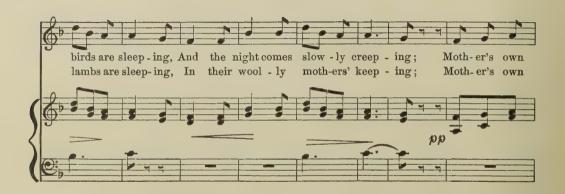


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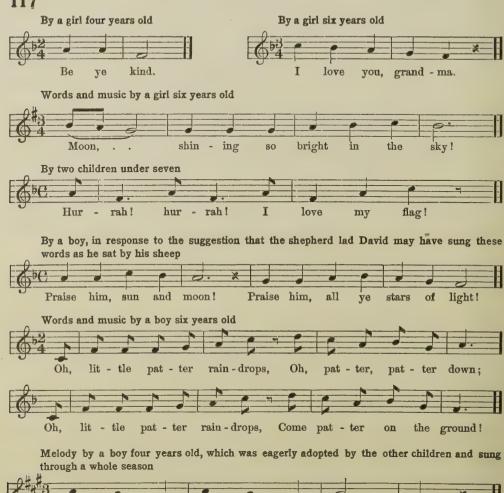
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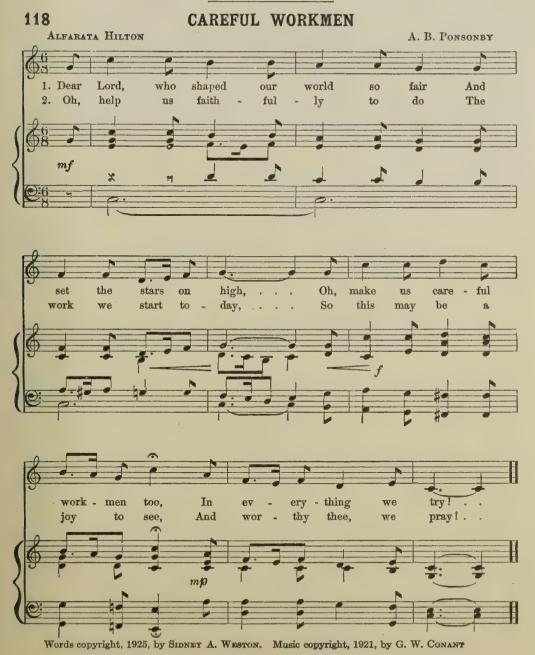
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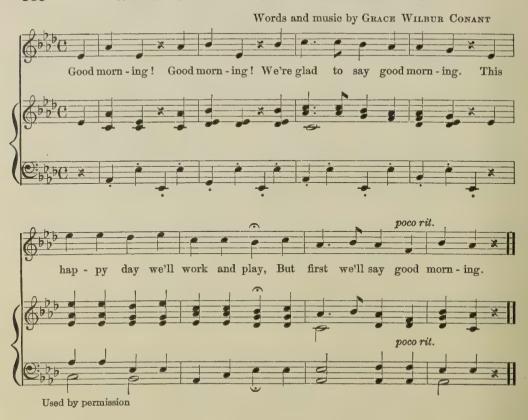


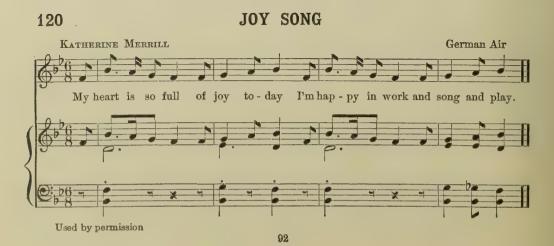




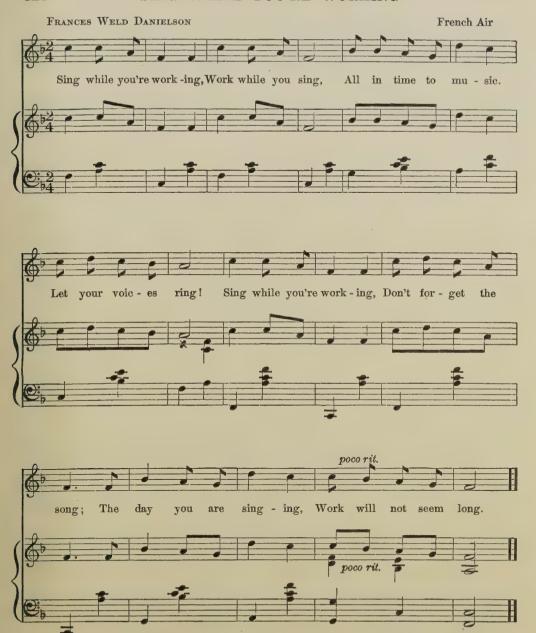
WORK AND GAMES







SING WHILE YOU'RE WORKING



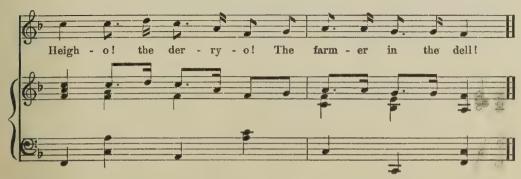
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Preparation. Players form circle, joining hands. Child stands in center as leader.

Action. Players walk around in the circle. At the words, "do this way and that," leader makes some movement. Players imitate this while singing last two lines. Leader chooses a child to take her place. (When a boy leads the word "laddie" is used.)





- 2 The farmer takes a wife, The farmer takes a wife, Heigh-o! the derry-o! The farmer takes a wife.
- 3 The wife takes a child, etc.
- 4 The child takes a nurse, etc.
- 5 The nurse takes a dog. etc.
- 6 The dog takes a cat, etc.
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- 7 The cat takes a rat, etc.
- 8 The rat takes a cheese, etc.
- 9 The cheese stands alone, etc.

Preparation. Players form circle, joining hands. Child goes to center as the farmer.

First Stanza. Circle skips or walks to left.

Second-Eighth Stanzas. Farmer chooses a wife from the circle; wife, a child; child, a nurse; and so on. Circle continues moving. Music stops after eighth stanza. All but the cheese leave the center.

Ninth Verse. Players stand and clap.

124 OATS, PEAS, BEANS AND BARLEY GROW



Preparation. Players form circle, joining hands. Child goes to center as the farmer.

First Stanza. Players walk to left.

Second Stanza. Players stand and act out the words.

Third Stanza. Farmer chooses a partner.

Fourth Stanza. Circle skips to left. Farmer and partner skip to right.

Repetition. Farmer and partner stay in center. Both choose partners in third stanza, and game is repeated.

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Preparation. Players form double circle, facing center. Inner circle joins hands. Outer circle places hands on shoulders of those in front.

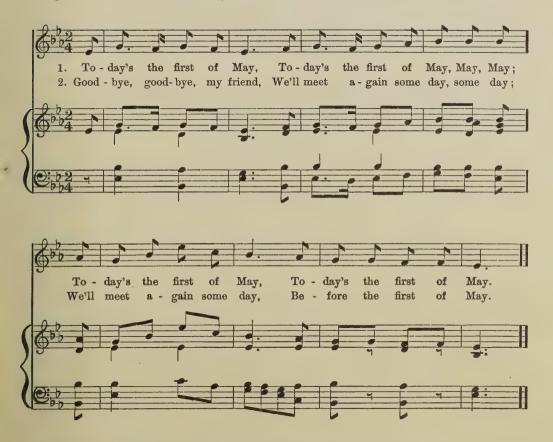
Measures 1-4. Circles move slowly to left.

Measures 5-7. Circles move more quickly.

Measures 8-11, repeated. Circles move rapidly, first to left, then to right.

Repetition. Circles change places and the game is repeated.

127 TODAY'S THE FIRST OF MAY



Preparation. Players form double circle, facing left, and take partners' hands.

First Stanza. Players skip forward, swinging arms.

Second Stanza. Line 1. Players face partners and shake hands. Lines 2, 3 and 4. Outer circle skips to left. Inner circle skips to right.

Repetition. Inner circle faces left. Players take hands of children opposite, and game is repeated.



Preparation. Children form circle, joining hands and facing center. Several children remarks outside.

First Stanza. Children outside run around circle to left.

Second Stanza. Children in circle raise arms. Runners pass under arches thus formed.

Third Stanza. Runners choose and bow to partners. Children in circle drop arms.

Fourth Stanza. Partners cross hands and skip outside circle. Children in circle skip.

Repetition. Game is repeated, till all in the circle are chosen.



- 2 Put your left hand in, etc.
- 3 Put your right foot in, etc.
- 4 Put your left foot in, etc.
- 5 Put your head 'way in, etc.
- 6 Put your whole self in, etc.

Preparation. Players form circle, joining hands. Introduction and Refrain. All skip around in the circle. Stanzas. Players act out the words.

(A blindfolded child stands in the center of a circle of children sitting close together. As the first stanza is sung a slipper is passed from one to another, underneath them. The child in the center has the bandage removed and bows before the child he guesses has the slipper, during the singing of the second stanza.)



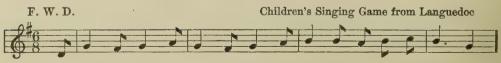
- 1. Round the ring, while we sing, Goes the slip per slid ing,
- 2. Make your bow; tell us now Where the slip per's hid ing.



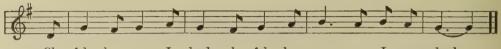
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FOLLOW MY LEADER



LEADER: Oh, fol - low as I lead, oh, fol - low, fol - low as I may lead you; Others: We fol - low as you lead, we fol - low, fol - low as you may lead us;



Oh, fol - low as I lead, oh, fol - low me, as I may lead. We fol - low as you lead, we fol - low you, as you may lead.

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WHO HAS GONE

GUESSING GAME

(A blindfolded child stands in the center of the circle while a child leaves the room. The bandage is removed, and the others sing the question. The child sings the answer. If he has guessed right, all clap and sing the invitation. If he cannot guess, he is blindfolded again.)

F. W. D.

Children's Singing Game from Languedoc



QUESTION: Who has gone and left our cir - cle? Who has gone? Who has gone? Answer: Ma-ry's gone and left our cir - cle. Ma-ry's gone, Ma-ry's gone.

INVITATION: Ma-ry, come, for he has guessed you. Ma-ry, come! Ma-ry, come!

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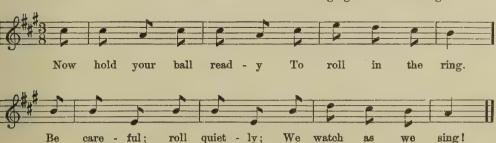
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BALL IN RING

(Children sit in a circle, in the center of which is a small ring drawn with chalk. A child holds a ball high, then rolls it, and if it stops within the ring, the song is repeated more loudly, while the children sing tra, la, la, and clap.)

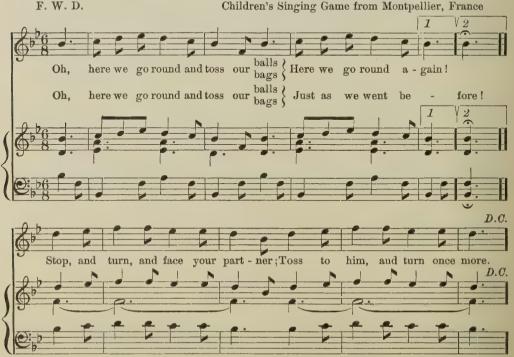
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(The chilaren select partners, and form two circles, with two feet between the outer and inner. They move slowly round, tossing and catching balls or bean-bags, as they sing the first two lines. The inner circle takes short steps to keep opposite partners. Directions in the third and fourth lines beginning, "Stop, and turn," are followed, and the children move in the opposite direction while they sing the fifth and sixth lines and begin the song again.)



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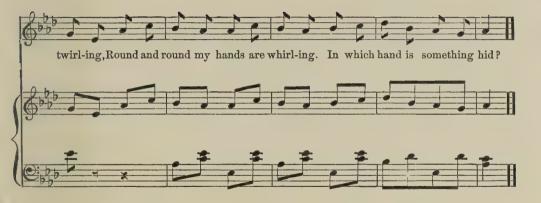
135 ROUND AND ROUND MY HANDS ARE WHIRLING

GUESSING GAME

(A child within the circle approaches some child on the ring, whirling before him his closed hands in one of which some small object is hidden. He presents his closed fists to the child on the ring, who touches one of his hands. If the latter has guessed correctly, he takes possession of the object, goes within the circle while the first child takes his place on the ring, and the game proceeds as before. If the guess is not correct, the first child continues until some one succeeds. The words need not be sung every time, as the rhythm is sufficient to sustain the



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BOUNCE THE BALL

(The children bounce balls, and sing while moving in a circle. They then run lightly on the tips of their toes, first to the left, then to the right, still in circle formation.)



(Chairs are placed in a row, alternate ones facing the same way, and one less in number than the players. A march is begun around the chairs. Every now and then the music suddenly stops, and the children sit down. The child who fails to find a seat drops out, a chair is taken away, and the march is resumed. The child who gets a seat in the last chair wins.

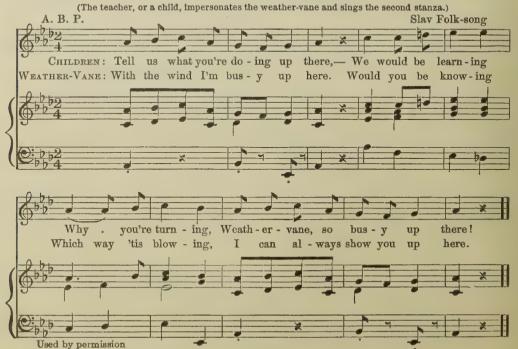
(Players march around in a circle to music, crossing a rug, large enough so that a child cannot jump over it. When the music stops without warning those children found with one or both feet on the rug drop out of the game. This continues till only one child is marching, who is therefore the winner.)

Old French Wedding Music



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THE WEATHER-VANE



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I HAVE A LITTLE PONY

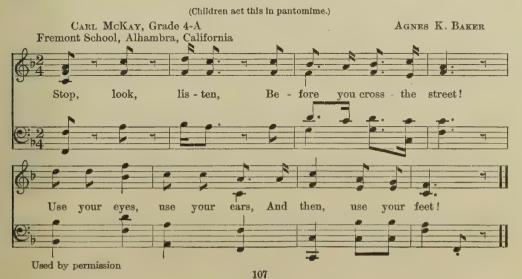
(The children drive each other about while the teacher and other children sing the song. They may act out the feeding, and tying on the "fuffy bow," and the driving may be fast or slow, according to the music.)



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SAFETY SONG



BLACK HORSE, BROWN HORSE



THE BUTTERFLY

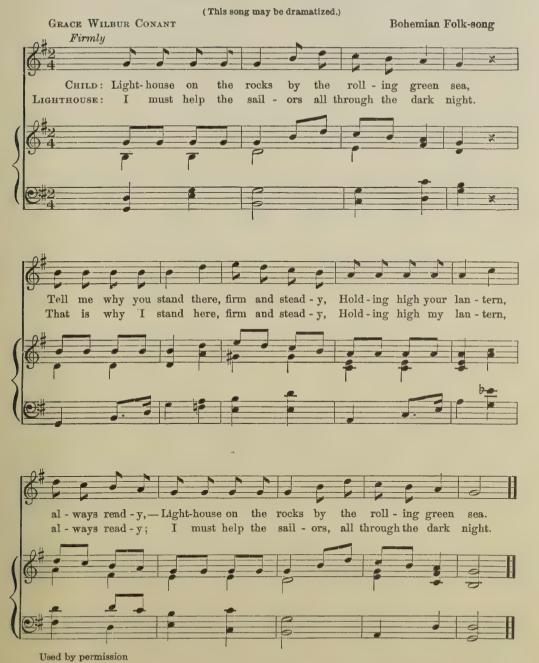
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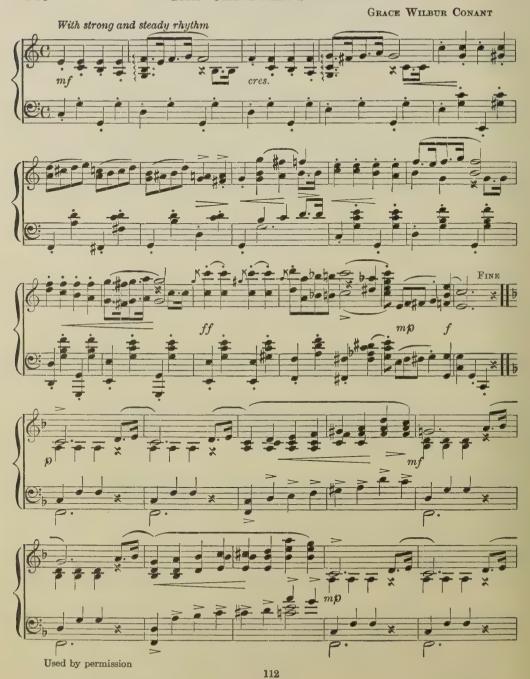


THE COBBLER



LIGHTHOUSE ON THE ROCKS

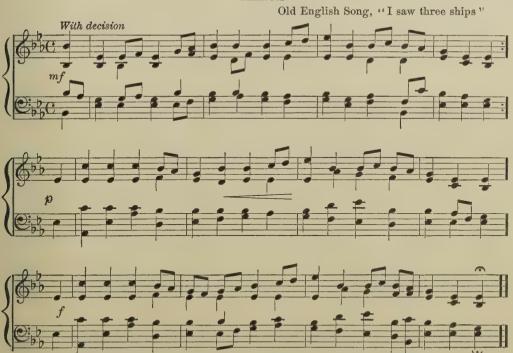






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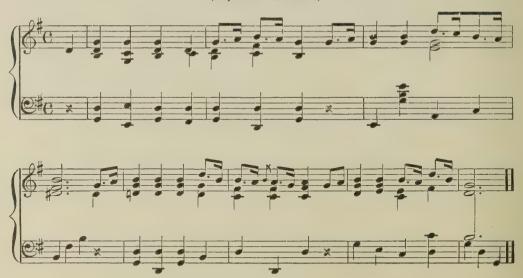
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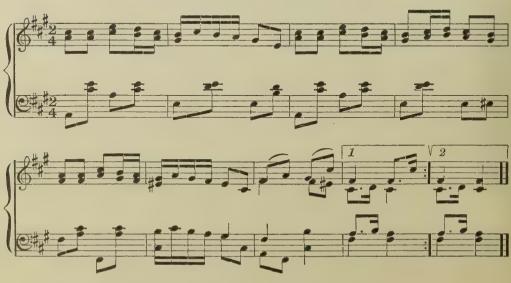
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SLAV FOLK-SONG

(May be used as a march, or for rhythmic exercises)



STRAIGHT AND STEADY

MARCH



150 MUSIC THAT SUGGESTS VARIOUS MOODS



SELF-CONFIDENCE ("I can do it.")



FRIENDLINESS ("I like people.")





CURIOSITY ("What is it?")



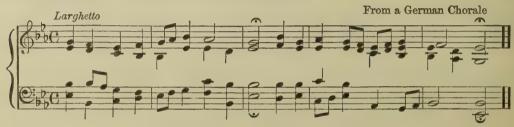
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